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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The undersigned, selectmen of Harrisville, submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town for the fiscal year ending Feb. 15, 1911:

191 polls,	\$19,100 00
Resident real estate,	190,050 00
Non-resident real estate,	130,060 00
159 horses,	14,740 00
2 oxen,	125 00
139 cows,	3,930 00
38 ³ / ₄ neat,	810 00
73 sheep,	235 00
5 hogs,	60 00
230 hens,	160 00
Carriages,	4,575 00
Bank stock,	1,200 00
Money at interest,	12,615 00
Stock in trade,	33,625 00
Mills and machinery,	53,600 00
	<hr/> \$464,885 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

The town and school district voted to raise by taxation the following sums:

State tax,	\$876 00
County tax,	1,010 10
Highways and bridges,	1,500 00

Schools,	\$1,300 00
Breaking roads,	200 00
Town charges,	800 00
Debt and interest,	2,000 00
Library,	50 00
Widening road near depot,	150 00
Repairs on schoolhouse,	100 00
Payment of high school tuition,	150 00
Payment of school officers,	100 00
For purchase of text books,	50 00
For purchase of other supplies,	75 00
Overlay,	239 27
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	\$8,600 27
Amount committed to Alex. Eustice for collec-	
tion,	\$8,600 43
Special tax collected,	38 93
Interest collected,	8 75
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	\$8,648 11
Amount abated,	\$8 32
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	\$8,639 79

Rate per cent, \$1.85 on \$100 valuation.

TAXES ABATED.

Mrs. D. R. Heath, soldier's widow,	\$3 70
Joseph Bean, left town,	1 85
Theodore Durant, tax abated,	1 85
James Hara, left town,	1 85
Simon Hovey, left town,	1 85
Osca Hatula, left town,	1 85
Emos Hill, left town,	1 85
John Lasla, under age,	1 85
Arthur Lima, left town,	1 85
Sam'l Maki, left town,	1 85

Matt Matherson, left town,	\$1 85
Joseph Swanburg, left town,	1 85
Matt Silverburg, left town,	1 85
Emo Wiljanen, not found,	1 85
William Weiofa, not found,	1 85
Andrew Alba, under age,	1 85
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	\$31 45

Taxes to the amount of \$8.32, uncollectable at the present time, are carried over.

TOWN DEBT.

The town debt, Feb. 15, 1910, exclusive of accrued interest, was	\$15,800 00
This was increased by a loan from Mary J. Parker, guardian, of	600 00
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Making the total indebtedness,	\$16,400 00
On this amount \$691.24 interest has been paid and endorsements on the principal to the amount of	\$2,400 00
Leaving the present indebtedness of the town,	\$14,000 00

A still greater reduction would have been made except for an unexpected bill from the county of \$260.62, and the unusual call for funds from the schools.

A temporary loan, repaid, of \$250, shown in the treasurer's account, does not enter into this statement.

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury,	\$421 26
Uncollected taxes of uncertain value,	8 32
Balance in Five Cents Savings bank—still more uncertain,	388 19
Due from county,	51 07

The widening of the road near the Harrisville station for which an appropriation of \$150 was made, has been done at an expense of

Labor,	\$109 47
Repair of tools,	2 65
Explosives,	16 50
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	\$128 62

STATE HIGHWAY.

Total amount of joint fund,	\$1,110 90
Amount expended,	\$1,101 72
Plus assistant engineer's charges,	28 70
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	\$1,130 42

This was expended between Harrisville and the junction of the two Chesham roads where the work ended last year. The result has been especially satisfactory to the engineer in charge, to the town and to the travelling public.

The work was done as last year, by the town with the same foreman and under practically the same conditions excepting the raise in price of teams from \$4.00 per day to \$4.25.

The weekly time tables and pay rolls are on file for inspection.

MARTIN M. MASON,
ELWYN W. SEAVER,
ARTHUR E. WRIGHT,
Selectmen of Harrisville.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury February 15, 1910,	\$420 79
T. J. Winn, police court fine,	2 00
County treasurer, county pauper claim,	43 50
Selectmen, money for use town,	600 00
G. F. Tufts, town clerk, dog license less fees,	105 40
John Cunningham, pool table license,	10 00
Citizens National Bank, money for use town,	248 96
Town clerk, primary election fees,	11 00
County treasurer, pauper claim,	29 56
Mr. Harlow, peddler's license,	5 00
State treasurer, state aid highway,	387 70
State treasurer, R. R. tax,	243 65
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	233 65
State treasurer, literary fund,	83 16
State treasurer, proportion school fund,	445 65
Forrest Lowell, cemetery lot,	5 00
Corban C. Farwell, interest on school fund,	24 80
Alexander Eustice, taxes 1910,	8,592 11
Alexander Eustice, interest on taxes 1910,	8 75
Alexander Eustice, special taxes 1910,	38 93
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	\$11,539 61

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State treasurer, state tax,	\$876 00
County treasurer, county tax,	1,010 10
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	\$1,886 10

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

C. L. Partridge, repairs on highways,	\$355 48
C. L. Partridge, repairs on highways,	312 46
C. L. Partridge, repairs on highways,	55 70
C. L. Partridge, repairs on highways,	68 45
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	\$792 09
G. G. Mason, repairs on highways,	4 00
Benj. Martin, repairs on highways,	6 00
C. C. Farwell, repairs on highways,	4 41
A. E. Wright, repairs on highways,	5 99
B. F. Bemis, repairs on highways,	1 50
E. W. Seaver, repairs on highways,	13 50
F. Sawyer, labor on bridge,	1 30
F. Canavan, supplies for bridge,	20
Benj. Willard, labor on MacVeagh bridge,	15 25
P. W. Russell, bridge plank,	3 44
M. M. Mason, labor and expense on bridge,	5 50
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	\$853 18

STATE ROAD.

Benj. Willard, labor on road,	\$500 00
Benj. Willard, labor on road,	100 00
Benj. Willard, labor on road,	496 72
M. M. Mason, labor on road,	5 00
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	\$1,101 72

REMOVING ROCK NEAR DEPOT.

Benj. Willard, explosive for road,	\$16 50
Benj. Martin, labor on road,	41 55
Peter Dione, repairing tools,	2 65
Arthur Blodgett, labor on road,	22 50
John Galaridy, labor on road,	26 42
Augustin Lapoint, labor on road,	19 00
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	\$128 62

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Fred Canavan, supplies for C. LaFlour,	\$4 93
Fred Canavan, supplies for C. LaFlour,	11 06
Benj. Martin, feeding tramps,	3 60
Benj. Martin, feeding tramps,	2 70
Benj. Martin, feeding tramps,	4 00
Benj. Martin, feeding tramps,	1 20
Benj. Martin, feeding tramps,	3 90
Alex. Eustace, feeding tramps,	25
Alex. Eustace, feeding tramps,	1 00
Dublin Stage Co., expense Bowen, coal,	1 09
Benj. Martin, expense Arthur Bastin,	2 50
Benj. Martin, aid Mrs. LaFlour,	14 90
Benj. Martin, expense Byrns, coal,	18 50
Benj. Martin, cash paid W. J. Halpine,	2 00
Benj. Martin, expense P. Billeveau, coal,	6 90
Benj. Martin, expense J. O'Connor, coal,	11 84
Elliot City Hospital, for Mrs. Marnell,	14 90
County of Cheshire, board G. M. Towne,	260 62
John Billeveau, expense Billeveau,	2 33
Ernest Partridge, expense Billeveau, coal,	2 33
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	\$370 46

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Horatio Colony, administrator, interest on note,	\$258 75
Horatio Colony, administrator, interest on note,	258 75
Horatio Colony, payment on note,	1,007 50
Horatio Colony, payment on note,	950 00
Fidie E. White, part payment on note,	50 00
Fidie E. White, part payment on note,	50 60
Fidie E. White, part payment on note,	50 25
Fidie E. White, interest on note,	24 00
Fidie E. White, payment and interest on note,	72 50
Citizens National Bank, note paid in full,	250 00
M. M. Mason, interest on note,	74 16

Corban C. Farwell, interest on note,	\$12 50
B. F. Bemis, interest on note,	24 00
Keene Savings Bank, note in full,	257 19
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	\$3,340 20

TOWN OFFICERS.

Alexander Eustace, services as police,	\$ 75
Benj. Martin, services as police,	50
Benj. Martin, services as police,	3 00
W. J. Halpine, services as election officer,	2 00
B. F. Bemis, services as election officer,	4 00
E. C. Barker, services as election officer,	4 00
F. P. Symonds, services as election officer,	4 00
J. Cunningham, services as election officer,	2 00
G. F. Knowlton, services as sexton,	94 25
B. F. Bemis, services as board of health,	3 00
A. E. Wright, services as selectman,	30 00
E. W. Seaver, services as selectman,	45 00
M. M. Mason, services and expenses as selectman,	58 75
M. M. Mason, services as overseer poor,	12 00
E. W. Seaver, services as overseer poor,	7 00
Alexander Eustace, services as tax collector,	70 00
S. D. Bemis, services as moderator,	4 00
F. E. Hardy, services as librarian,	26 50
E. C. Thayer, services as auditor in 1910,	2 00
R. A. Dunn, services as auditor in 1911,	2 00
G. G. Mason, services as supervisor,	12 00
C. C. Farwell, agent funds in 1910,	2 00
C. C. Farwell, agent funds in 1911,	3 00
Benj. Martin, services as police,	3 00
Alexander Eustace, services as police,	50
A. J. Upton, services as member school board in 1910,	35 00
S. P. Tuttle, services as supervisor,	9 00
T. J. Winn, services as treasurer,	25 00
B. F. Bemis, services as fire ward,	3 00

G. F. Knowlton, services as supervisor,	\$12 00
G. F. Tufts, services as town clerk,	30 00
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	\$509 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

S. E. Willard, pole for snow roller,	\$1 50
Alex. Eustice, police club,	1 25
Robert McCall, repairing tools,	8 90
Alex. Eustice, taxes abated as per list,	31 45
Library trustees, books for library,	50 00
Henry Parker, time at W. P. Phelps' fire,	2 80
William Sounda, time at W. P. Phelps' fire,	2 00
Benj. Martin, lock for library,	1 40
L. P. Eaton, damage to sheep by dogs,	10 00
Sentinel Printing Co., reports,	30 00
J. C. Bancroft, support water tub,	3 00
Benj. Martin, cleaning tramp house,	2 00
Dublin Stage Co., wood,	4 00
Winn Bros., use of hall,	20 00
W. H. Spalter, supplies as per bill,	7 43
G. F. Tufts, returning births, marriages and deaths,	5 10
G. F. Tufts, blanks, postage, etc.,	3 38
A. W. Blodgett, 39 loads coal ashes,	15 60
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	\$199 81

SCHOOLS.

E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	\$86 93
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	200 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	200 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	150 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	20 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	150 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	150 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	200 00

E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	\$250 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	150 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	200 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	200 00
E. C. Thayer, treasurer,	128 47
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	\$2,085 40

Literary fund,	\$83 16
Average attendance,	101 25
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	\$184 41

Qualified teachers,	\$134 00
District supervisor,	180 00
High school tuition,	30 40
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	\$344 40
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	\$2,614 21

BREAKING ROADS.

Charles Partridge,	\$96 85
G. F. Bemis,	4 50
Dublin Stage Co.,	23 00
E. G. Seaver,	1 55
A. F. Seaver,	4 50
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	\$130 40

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from all sources,	\$11,539 61
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DISBURSEMENTS.

State and county tax,	\$1,886 10
Highways and bridges,	853 18
State road,	1,101 72
Removing rock near depot,	128 62
Support of poor,	370 46
Notes and interest,	3,340 20
Town officers,	509 25
Miscellaneous,	199 81
Schools,	2,614 21
Breaking roads,	130 40
Cash in treasury, Feb. 18, 1911,	405 66
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	\$11,539 61

J. T. WINN,
Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the above report of the town treasurer and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

R. A. DUNN,
Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

COUNTY POOR.

Due from the county, Feb. 15, 1910,	\$43 50
Aid to Thomas O'Connor,	11 84
Aid to A. G. Byrns,	23 00
Aid to C. LaFlour,	30 89
Aid to James Marnell,	14 90
	<hr/> \$126 13
Received from county, April 5, 1910,	\$43 50
Received from county, Oct. 5, 1910,	29 56
Due from county, Feb. 15, 1911,	51 07
	<hr/> \$126 13

TOWN POOR.

Aid to Peter Beliveau,	\$11 56
The town has also paid an accumulated bill for two years' board of Geo. M. Town, amount- ing to	<hr/> \$260 62

TRAMP ACCOUNT.

Benj. Martin, care and feeding tramps,	\$15 40
Alex. Eustice, care and feeding tramps,	1 25
	<hr/> \$16 65

MARTIN M. MASON,
ELWIN W. SEAVER,
ARTHUR E. WRIGHT,
Overseers of Poor.

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the overseers of the poor and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

R. A. DUNN,
Auditor.

Harrisville, Feb. 16, 1911.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

For the Year ending February 15, 1911.

Number of volumes in library,	2,244
Number issued during year,	1,595

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1910,	\$3 45
Received for fines,	76
Received from town treasurer,	50 00
	\$54 21

EXPENDITURES.

Incidentals,	\$ 68
Balance on hand,	53 53
	\$54 21

New books have been ordered but have not been received, so are not included in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT J. UPTON,
R. A. DUNN,
Library Committee.

Harrisville, February 15, 1911.

REPORT OF AGENT OF TOWN FUND.

The investments are as follows:

Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, deposit book, No. 14,774,	\$177 20
New Hampshire Savings Bank, deposit book, No. 41,545,	1,240 39
	<hr/> \$1,417 59
Received dividends for 1910,	\$49 60
Paid the town for schools,	\$24 80
Paid the Baptist Society,	12 40
Paid the Congregational Society,	12 40
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CORBAN C. FARWELL,	
Agent.	

This certifies that I have examined the report of the agent of town funds and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

R. A. DUNN,
Auditor.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

Charles L. Partridge, breaking roads:

FEBRUARY, 1910.

P. S. Bemis, 3 teams, 6 hours,	\$8 10
P. S. Bemis, 3 teams, 1½ days,	18 00
P. S. Bemis, 2 teams, 1½ days,	12 00
Dublin Stage Co., 3 teams, 1 day,	12 00
Dublin Stage Co., 3½ days,	14 00
Dublin Stage Co., extra man, 1 day,	1 75
C. L. Partridge and team, 4½ days,	18 00
Leslie White, breaking roads,	1 20
Albert Knowlton, breaking roads,	60
C. C. Farwell, breaking roads,	2 20
Peter Dionne, repairing roller,	6 00
P. S. Bemis, taking roller to Harrisville,	2 00
S. M. Tarbell, labor on roads,	1 00
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	\$96 85

APRIL, 1910.

Labor on highways:

C. L. Partridge, 84½ hours,	\$18 78
C. L. Partridge, team, 66½ hours,	16 62
Fred Canavan, spikes,	20
C. Eustace, 62 hours,	12 05
T. Eustace, 36 hours,	7 00
Pat Maquire, 71 hours,	13 80
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	\$68 45

MAY, 1910.

C. L. Partridge and team, 198½ hours,	\$93 74
Pat Maquire, 36 hours,	7 00
Thomas Eustace, 18 hours,	3 50
Jas. Marnell, 81½ hours,	15 84
Richard Blair, 90½ hours,	17 59
Joe Stebbins, 189½ hours,	36 84
C. Eustace, 180½ hours,	35 09
Pat Leahy, 198½ hours,	38 59
W. D. Partridge, 59 hours,	11 47
C. A. Blake, man and team, 91 hours,	40 45
P. W. Russell, 33 loads of dirt,	3 30
John Hadlock, blade and bolts,	8 60
Dublin Stage Co., express,	45
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	\$312 46

JUNE, 1910.

C. L. Partridge and team 189½ hours,	\$89 45
Fred Canavan, spikes,	20
Joe Stebbins, 189½ hours,	36 83
W. D. Partridge, 189½ hours,	36 83
Pat Leahey, 36 hours,	7 00
Jas. Marvell, 188 hours,	36 55
C. L. Russell & Sons, 750 feet plank,	13 50
C. Eustace, 168½ hours,	32 74
Richard Blair, 135½ hours,	26 33
C. A. Blake, man and team 152 hours,	67 55
C. A. Blake, team 18 hours,	4 50
Geo. H. Reade, labor on roads,	4 00
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	\$355 48

JULY, 1910.

C. L. Partridge and team, 29 hours,	\$13 70
C. L. Partridge, team, 9 hours,	2 25

Fred Canavan, 10 lbs. spikes,	\$0 40
Joe Stebbins, 36 hours,	7 00
C. Eustace, 9 hours,	1 75
Jas. Marnell, 18 hours,	3 50
W. D. Partridge, 9 hours,	1 75
Cheshire Mills, 101 loads dirt,	10 10
B. F. Bemis, 16 loads sand,	1 60
C. L. Russell & Sons, 536 feet plank,	9 65
P. W. Russell, 200 feet plank,	4 00
Robt. McCall, blacksmith bill,	1 50
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	\$57 20

Since the resignation of the road agent, July 25th, the selectmen have expended the following sums on highways and bridges:

P. W. Russell, bridge plank,	\$3 44
Ben. Martin, labor on highway,	6 00
C. C. Farwell, labor on highway,	4 41
E. W. Seaver, labor and plank,	13 50
M. M. Mason, labor and expense,	5 50
Frank Sawyer, labor on bridge,	1 30
Arthur E. Wright, labor on highway,	5 99
B. F. Bemis, labor on highway,	1 50
F. Canavan, spikes for bridge,	20
G. G. Mason, labor on highway,	4 00
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	\$45 84

The wooden bridge near Alexander Mackie's has been replaced by a reinforced concrete bridge at an expense to the town of \$15.25 in labor. Mr. Mackie kindly furnishing the cement—27 bags—the gravel and other material for its construction.

MARTIN M. MASON,
ELWYN W. SEAVER,
ARTHUR E. WRIGHT,
Selectmen of Harrisville.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Harrisville:

The school board beg leave to submit the following report which is short owing to the illness of the chairman of the board, Mr. Bemis, who usually writes its report. Our superintendent has accordingly been delegated to incorporate in his report many of the matters usually reported by them, such as the names of the teachers, their work in the school, attendance, roll of honor, etc.

We wish to call attention to the fact that this year we have classified the expenditures and receipts of school money, with the assistance of the treasurer, under the following headings.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount required by law for support of schools.

Amount raised in addition at school meeting.

Amount raised for supplies.

Amount raised for insurance.

Amount raised for repairs.

Amount raised for school board.

Amount received from dog license.

Amount received from state.

Literary fund.

State aid, For average attendance.

For qualified teachers.

For tuition rebate.

For superintendent's salary.

Amount received from tuition.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers' salaries.
Janitors' salaries.
Fuel.
Apparatus and chart.
Incidentals.
Repairs.
School board.
Supplies.
Insurance, etc.

The school board and citizens should take this opportunity to express publicly our appreciation of the faithful and painstaking service rendered by our teachers. Financial compensation does not remunerate them for their services, for in a sense theirs is a labor of love, for by them the lives and destinies of our children are shaped. The school board feels that it is to be congratulated upon having a corps of such earnest, efficient and conscientious teachers.

Supplies have been purchased from time to time in as economical manner as possible. We find, upon investigation, that we have often classified in the past as supplies, items that should properly go under the heading of incidentals, repairs, charts, and apparatus, etc., which made the supply account appear much larger than it really was. Some of the firms also have had a tendency to delay sending in their bills to such an extent as to keep the board in ignorance of its true financial state. The board will avoid patronizing such firms in the future.

We feel that it is the duty of parents to display an interest in the actual state of the schools and acquaint themselves with the progress of their children. In no other way can they be more helpful to the child. We have reason to be proud of the children of the town. During the year that has past they have made commendable progress, and

in the large majority of cases, have been regular in attendance. Let us give of our money and our unflagging interest in behalf of our public schools.

Attention is called to the report of our superintendent upon the needs of the schools and their condition which we heartily endorse. The merits of his work deserve the commendation of the public.

Estimates for coming fiscal year, ending Feb. 15, 1912.

Money required by law,	\$1,095 00
Money in addition,	350 00
Text books and supplies,	125 00
High school tuition,	150 00
Flags and appurtenances,	25 00
Salaries of school board,	100 00
Other officers,	180 00
Repairs,	200 00

SAMUEL D. BEMIS,

REUBEN A. DUNN,

CHARLES P. HAYWARD,

School Board.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the Harrisville School Board:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to present to you my first annual report as superintendent of schools. As I undertook the work only last fall and have served but a portion of a year thus far, I may not be expected to render so full and complete a report as though my services had been of longer duration.

In assuming my duties I found that my chief work would be in directing, guiding and encouraging the work of the teacher, in a sympathetic and appreciative manner, so that defects in methods and principles could be remedied in such a way as not to discourage the teacher. Among my other duties have been the nomination of teachers and employees, recommending of text books, supplies, courses of study, programs and directing the methods of instruction.

Matters relative to the appropriation of revenue, establishment of schools, election and dismissal of teachers, and employees, control of the program, the adoption of rules, regulations, etc., have been left with the school board as is customary throughout the United States.

The plan or program which is outlined in the state program is an excellent one and has been used, with slight modifications sometimes, by nearly every superintendent in New Hampshire. I have used this as a working basis for

my own work and as a guide for the teacher to follow in carrying out her plans, thus securing uniformity of work from all.

Particular stress is laid upon reading in the first three grades at the end of which the child should have mastered the mechanics of reading. He should have had sufficient practice to enable him to read readily, smoothly and with understanding ordinary prose. In order to produce this result the work of the first year must be vitalized and the child required to do some actual reading. With this aim in view a combination of the rhyme and phonic method has been adopted with gratifying results. I am informed that more than twice as much ground has been covered this year in the first grade compared with previous years. In all schools, one primer has been completed to date and in some instances more has been read. From three to six books as a minimum should be read the first year.

A great part of our difficulty in school work grows out of the difficulty the children have in reading their work and understanding what they have read. If half the child's energy is expended in getting the pronunciation and meaning of common words he can get but little meaning out of what he reads in his other school subjects, such as arithmetic, geography, grammar, etc. It is the basis of his school life and he must have it before he can forge ahead. The child that does not learn to read during the first three years of his school life will probably never learn it. Other avenues of learning are closed to him. In arithmetic the aim has been at rapidity and accuracy in addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, common and decimal fractions including the different phases of percentage, taxes, commission, interest, commercial discount, denominate numbers, and the table of weights and measures, and facility in solving easy problems bearing on these subjects. Arithmetical puzzles that will seldom or never be of practical value to the pupil are

eliminated or postponed to the last year of the grammar school, when the reasoning power of the child shall have become stronger.

Tests have been made of the pupils' writing. Each pupil, in conjunction with the the teacher and superintendent, has been allowed to judge his own writing by comparing it to a series of samples, ranging from illegible to perfect writing on a chart. In this way the child gains a very good idea of the quality of his own writing and is possessed with an aspiration to improve it at other future tests. Much rivalry is displayed among the different schools themselves as to their relative standing. The object in writing is to give the children the ability to write, with a fair degree of rapidity, a legible hand. This calls for freedom of movement rather than beauty of writing. In the lower grades form and speed come with practice.

The work in history and geography is designed to give the pupils a knowledge of the world and its peoples with a special reference to their relations with the United States.

In language and grammar the program emphasizes the importance of giving the child, during the earlier years of his school life, the ability to express his thoughts in good plain English and, in the last years, the fundamentals of English grammar.

The purpose of the teaching of physiology is to make the children acquainted with their bodies and common functions; to teach them how to use and care for them, and to teach them the injurious effects of evil habits and poisonous drugs.

Teachers are admonished to exercise as careful supervision over the children during the recess periods as in school hours. All the teaching along moral lines is frequently allowed to be broken down at recess. A participation by the teacher in organizing their plays and games not only gives the teacher greater leadership among her

children but also eliminates many of the sordid features of school life. In this way the weak will be developed physically as well as the strong by being required to take some active physical exercise.

Our teaching force has been characterized by a spirit of loyalty to the aims and requirements of the school officials and a devotion to their profession which is commendable to a high degree. They may be assured that their efforts are appreciated by parents, citizens and school officials.

Teachers' meetings have been held for the purpose of discussing methods as well as to illustrate them by actual teaching, to promote the teachers' professional knowledge and discuss the topics of the state examination.

Blackboards should be renewed in all the schools. A short piece of lithoplate installed at Chesham has relieved the pressure there somewhat. Slate may be purchased very cheaply at present for 15 cents per square foot delivered at any station. It furnishes the best surface to write on and will never wear out.

The outbuildings at Harrisville and Chesham should be enlarged and modernized. Harmful results to the physical system are often caused by the misuse and abuse of the outbuildings. Good facilities should first be provided and then the teacher should be held responsible for their proper care as well as the pupil.

Wall maps are needed in all schools to meet the minimum requirements of the state.

I find the following list of books in use:

Aldine Primer,	24
Aldine First Reader,	24
Aldine Second Reader,	24
Aldine Third Reader,	12
Brook Primer Reader,	6
Brook Second Reader,	16
Brook Third Reader,	14
Brook Fourth Reader,	14

Cyr Second Reader,	9
Cyr Third Reader,	11
Cyr Fourth Reader,	2
Gordon Book I and II,	4
Milne Progressive Arithmetic,	17
Milne Progressive Grammar,	19
Coburn's Arithmetic,	20
Fry Geography, Adv.,	29
Fry Geography, Elem.,	17
Eggleston's U. S. History,	15
Montgomery's U. S. History,	11
Montgomery's U. S. History, Elem.,	20
Mother Tongue, Book II,	19
Mother Tongue, Book I,	20
Hyde Grammar, II,	7
Hyde Grammar, I,	5
Mowry Civil Government,	8
Home Geography,	8
Language Books,	8

It will be observed from a close study of the books in use that we are below the minimum requirements, in all grades for reading. There should be six books for each grade, three basal and three supplementary. Physiologies and beginners histories may be reckoned as supplementary reading and should be purchased as readers and not text book values. Our needs are one basal and three supplementary readers for grades I, II, III, IV. A basal and two supplementary readers in V and VI. In grades VI, VII and VIII, the reading should be more for the content of what is written and an abundance of literature in the whole story form should be provided. Several good books of this type are on the market now.

It would be the policy of your superintendent to be as economical in the purchase and use of supplies as possible, using the balance of the book and supply requisition for the purpose of bringing our text book supply up to the proper standard.

In closing your superintendent wishes to express his appreciation of the cordial manner in which he has been received by the people of Harrisville and the hearty co-operation of the school board in what he has undertaken without which much would not have been accomplished,

Respectfully submitted,

CARL COTTON,
Superintendent.

ROLL OF HONOR.

TWO TERMS: Clarice Beaulieu, Joseph Beaulieu, Paul Bemis, Hattie G. Farwell, Mildred G. Farwell, Ralph Farwell, Margaret French.

ONE TERM: Geo. A. Bemis, Dorothy L. Bemis, Clarence Bouford, Luke Bouford, Mary Babb, Edward Bosley, Herbert Bosley, Lewis Farlly, Julia Gelardytz, Beatrice Hickey, Chas. Lundstrom, Geo. Markin, Donald Miller, Reginald Mason, John W. Stewart, Hazel Stebbins, Angie Thayer, Herman Thayer, Thomas Winn, Edwin F. Winchester.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	TERM.	No. pupils.	Per cent attendance.	Cases of tardiness.	Visits by superintendent.	Other visitors.
Chesham	Miss Alice Laughlin.....	Fall.....	25	90.29	14	8	27
		*Winter.....	25	90.24	3	4	10
Harrisville Primary	Miss Edith Blake.....	Fall.....	43	94.5	10	10	38
		*Winter.....	45	86.72	2	7	10
Grammar.....	Miss Sadie Ellis.....	Fall.....	30	91.57	45	12	24
		Winter.....	26	86.	28	6	4
Eastview.....	Alberta H. Veasey.....	Fall.....	12	93.	24	8	20
		*Winter.....	11	84.89	15	5	12

* To Feb. 1, 1911.

Length of school year, 36 weeks.

Per cent attendance, 89.0.

Total enrollment, 110.

Twenty-four per cent of all pupils are on the honor roll.

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Received from T. J. Winn, town treasurer, as follows:

Cash on hand,	\$42 07
Check,	\$86 93
Check,	200 00
Check,	200 00
Check,	150 00
Check,	20 00
Check,	150 00
Check,	150 00
Check,	200 00
Check,	250 00
Check,	150 00
Check,	200 00
Check,	200 00
Check,	128 47
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	\$2,085 40
Literary fund,	83 16
Average attendance,	101 25
Qualified teachers,	134 00
District supervision,	180 00
High school tuition,	30 40
Tuition from Hancock, 1909,	5 50
Tuition from Hancock, 1910,	8 25
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	\$2,670 03

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for teachers,	\$1,440 00
Fuel,	226 00
Janitors and cleaning schoolhouses,	118 70
Repairs on school buildings,	123 66
Supplies and books,	227 19
Superintendent, Carl Cotton,	180 00
Incidentals,	11 66
Apparatus,	35 07
Pupils attending high school,	131 00
School board and treasurer,	92 00
Cash on hand,	84 75
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	\$2,670 03

Amount paid teachers as follows:

Edith V. Blake, teaching three weeks,	\$33 00
Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Annie W. Fisher, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Alberta Veasey, teaching five weeks,	40 00
Ida D. Mann, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Annie W. Fisher teaching four weeks,	44 00
Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Ida D. Mann, teaching seven weeks,	77 00
Alberta Veasey, teaching seven weeks,	56 00
Annie W. Fisher, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Alberta Veasey, teaching four weeks,	32 00
Alice R. Laughlin, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Alice R. Laughlin, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Alberta Veasey, teaching four weeks,	32 00
Sadie M. Ellis, teaching three weeks,	33 00
Edith V. Blake, teaching three weeks,	33 00

Alberta Veasey, teaching four weeks,	\$32 00
Alice R. Laughlin, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Alice R. Laughlin, teaching four weeks,	48 00
Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Alberta Veasey, teaching four weeks,	32 00
Alberta Veasey, teaching four weeks,	32 00
Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Alice R. Laughlin, teaching four weeks,	48 00
Alberta Veasey, teaching four weeks,	32 00
Edith V. Blake, teaching four weeks,	44 00
Sadie M. Ellis, teaching four weeks,	44 00

\$1,440 00

Paid for fuel as follows:

Dublin Stage Co., 9700 coal, 1909,	\$38 80
Dublin Stage Co., 2685 coal,	11 40
P. W. Russell,	20 50
Dublin Stage Co., coal,	32 80
Dublin Stage Co., coal,	22 40
P. W. Russell, 3000 coal,	12 00
P. W. Russell, 2000 coal,	8 00
Dublin Stage Co., coal,	17 60
Winn Bros., wood, 1909,	12 00
E. W. & A. F. Seaver, wood and kindlings,	14 50
C. P. Haywood, wood,	12 00
P. W. Russell, 3 tons coal,	24 00

\$226 00

Paid for services as janitor and schoolhouses:

A. J. Upton, cash (paid T. Durant, janitor) 1909,	\$15 00
E. M. White, janitor,	10 00
S. D. Bemis, cleaning schoolhouse,	4 00
Lewis S. Farwell, janitor,	3 00
T. Durant, janitor,	15 00
G. G. Mason, disinfectant Chesham schoolhouse,	2 00

S. D. Bemis, cleaning schoolhouse,	\$3 00
E. M. White, janitor,	11 00
E. M. White, janitor,	15 00
T. Durant, janitor,	13 75
Lewis S. Farwell, janitor,	3 00
R. A. Dunn, cleaning schoolhouse and express bill,	3 95
T. Durant, janitor and cleaning house,	16 00
Lewis S. Farwell, janitor,	4 00
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	\$118 70

Repairs on school buildings:

D. R. Launder, labor on Chesham schoolhouse,	\$1 00
T. W. Saunders, repair on Chesham schoolhouse,	75 00
Henry J. Farwell, repairs on Harrisville schoolhouse,	6 30
R. A. Dunn, repairs on Harrisville schoolhouse,	11 25
Kirk & Sewell, repairs,	2 83
A. E. Wright, 1909, fire escape,	26 75
Thayer & Collins,	53
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	\$123 66

Supplies and books:

Edward Babb & Co., supplies, 1909,	\$7 00
Ginn & Co., reading books, 1909,	2 88
American Book Co.,	80
J. L. Hammett, books, 1909,	5 04
W. H. Spalter, supplies, 1909,	42 78
Boston Supply Co., 1909,	5 99
Sentinel Printing Co., 1909,	34
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	2 93
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	45 97
Fred Canavan,	4 62
J. L. Hammett, & Co.,	2 60
R. A. Dunn,	3 30
W. H. Spalter,	102 94
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	\$227 19
Superintendent, Carl Cotton,	\$180 00

Incidentals:

Bertha Bemis, enumeration of scholars,	\$5 00
Cain & Benton, services to school board, 1909,	4 00
Spencer Hardware Co., glass and putty,	1 66
C. P. Haywood, express on books,	60
C. P. Haywood, broom,	40
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	\$11 66

Apparatus:

J. L. Hammett, blackboard cloth, 1909,	\$8 00
Clinton Collins, fixtures,	6 60
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	9 97
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	6 00
Winn Bros., chairs,	4 50
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	\$35 07

Tuition for scholars attending high school:

Alexander Mackie, Marlboro,	\$8 00
Nettie Clark, Hillsboro,	8 00
Roger Cunningham, Wilton,	34 00
Walter Parker, Keene,	10 00
Clifford Brown, Keene,	10 00
Gordon Bemis, Colby academy,	15 00
Gordon Bemis, Colby academy, winter,	13 00
Chessie Bemis, Colby academy, winter,	13 00
Walter Parker, Union School, Keene, winter,	10 00
Clifford Brown, Union School, Keene, winter,	10 00
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	\$131 00

R. A. Dunn, services school board,	\$30 00
S. D. Bemis, services school board,	35 00
C. P. Haywood, services school board,	15 00
E. C. Thayer, services as treasurer,	12 00
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	\$92 00

E. C. THAYER,
School treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the report of the treasurer of the school district and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

BERNARD F. BEMIS,
Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1899, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.							
Apr. 3		M	1	Charles A. Gilchrist	Mabel L. Wait	Farmer	Harrisville	Harrisville	33	26
May 7		M	1	Charles A. Nye	Lena M. Mason	Laborer	New Hampshire	New Hampshire	31	31
May 21		M	8	Louis S. Farwell	Lena M. Hill	Painter	New Hampshire	Massachusetts	40	37
July 5		M	5	Curtis I. Silven	Flora Woods	Farmer	Harrisville	New Hampshire	36	32
July 26		M	4	Ernest R. Knowlton	Harriet G. Hill	Laborer	Harrisville	Connecticut	28	26
Aug. 14		F	8	Joseph Bolio	Lidia Trudell	Laborer	Canada	New Hampshire	39	33
Aug. 17		F	1	John Collins	Carrie Dupress	Laborer			34	33
Sept. 4	Milton B.	M	1	Edgar Magoon	Esther Blair	Teamster	New York	Vermont	38	16
Sept. 24		M	6	John Johnson	Elizabeth Helback	Laborer	Finland	Finland	42	33
Sept 25		M	14	James Marnell	Mary Butler	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland	46	36
Nov. 7		M	2	Richard E. Blair	Martha S. Babb	Merchant	Connecticut	New York	25	21

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 31	Harrisville	Emile Bolio	Harrisville	36	Laborer	Canada	Syphia Bolio Clara St. Pier	Canada	1st	Rev. J. McGill Harrisville
		Mary J. Trudell	Harrisville	23	Home	Harrisville	Fred Trudell Emma Lepoint	Canada	1st	
Mar. 8	Keene	Mat Matson	Harrisville	23	Laborer	Finland	Mat Matson Annie Jauppel	Finland	1st	F. H. Whitcomb, Keene
		Kilma Kakela	Harrisville	24	Home	Finland		Finland	1st	
Apr. 28	Harrisville	John L. Stewart, Jr.	Harrisville	35	Mechanic	Marlboro	John J. Stewart Jennie Smith	New Jersey	2d	Rev. J. McGill Harrisville
		Anna May Gillis	Harrisville	32	Home	Prince Edw. Is.	John Gillis Anna Smith	Prince Edw. Is.	1st	
May 3	Marlboro	Henry J. Trudell	Harrisville	27	Farmer	Canada	John Trudell Arthimice Elie	Canada	1st	Rv. H. J. Bellefleur Marlboro
		Agnes Dupres	Marlboro	21	Housework	Marlboro	Joseph Dupres	Canada	1st	
June 9	Nashua	Frank E. Willard	Harrisville	33	Farmer	Harrisville	Everard Willard Lizzie Atwood	Harrisville	1st	Rv. Geo. E. Taper Nashua
		Winifred Lowe	Harrisville	18	Housework	Vermont	Morris Lowe	Keene	1st	
June 29	Marlboro	Joseph H. Jolly	Harrisville	37	Laborer	New York	Joseph Jolly Rosetta Barrett	New York	2d	Rev. A. W. Frye Marlboro
		Mary J. Blair	Harrisville	17	Home	Hancock	Richard Blair Fanny Wilder	Canada	1st	
Sept. 1	Nelson	Arthur L. Whittemore	Quincy, Ms.	23	Insurance	Boston, Ms.	A. L. Whittemore Flora Chapman	New York	1st	Rev. Geo. L. Cady Dorchester, Ms.
		Helen R. Buxton	Quincy, Ms.	23	Teacher	Salem, Ms.	Charles A. Buxton Susan T. Blake	Portsmouth	1st	
Sept 21	Harrisville	Wm. W. Matherson	Washington, D. C.	35	Lawyer	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Arthur Mathers'n Harriet Blagden	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1st	Rev. J. McGill Harrisville
		Lucy M. Stickney	Washington, D. C.	35	Home	France	Austin Stickney Harriet Trumbull	Washington DC Connecticut	1st	

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Date of Mar- riage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	* Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Sta- tion of person by whom mar- ried.
Nov. 19	Harrisville	Frank Solonan Annie Santala	Harrisville Harrisville	25 24	Laborer Weaver	Finland Finland	Nestor Solonan Mary Santala Witan Santala	Finland Finland	1st 1st	Rv. H. H. Colidge Dublin

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HARRISVILLE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1910.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n.		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S, M, W.	Father.	Mother.		
Feb. 5	V. Grant Haskell	44	7	1	New Hampshire	M	S	Nelson	Roxbury	Haskell	— Pond
Mar. 4	Reuben M. Parker	30	7	7	Roxbury	M	M	Dublin	Dublin	Josiah Parker	Mary Knowlton
Apr. 29	Cornelius K. Towne	84	2	29	Dublin	M	W	Harrisville	Connecticut	Cornelius Towne	Harriet G. Hill
May 7	Dora L. Knowlton	11	2	2	Harrisville	F	W	Harrisville	Connecticut	Ernest R. Knowlton	—
June 12	Milan M. Derby	73	2	6	Nelson	M	W	Harrisville	Connecticut	James Derby	Harriet G. Hill
July 29	Walter L. Knowlton	73	2	3	Harrisville	M	W	Finland	Finland	Ernest R. Knowlton	Emma Patola
Aug. 10	Wilja E. Wiljana	6	15	3	Harrisville	M	W	Vermont	Finland	Frank Rogers	Lucinda Scripture
Aug. 22	Augustus J. Rogers	16	3	24	Harrisville	M	M	Scotland	Hollis	Samuel Farwell	Dolly Wood
Sept. 4	Mary E. Silver	76	3	24	Harrisville	F	W	Ireland	Ireland	Douglas Patterson	Mary Scully
Sept. 4	Mary Ann Colburn	78	10	10	Hollis	F	W	Ireland	Ireland	Thomas Winn	Mary Button
Sept. 24	Edward Winn	76	7	10	Harrisville	M	S	Finland	Finland	James Marnell	Elyceph Helback
Sept. 25	— Marnell	76	7	10	Harrisville	M	S	Finland	Finland	John Johnson	Mary P. Pashi
Sept. 24	— Johnson	21	11	8	Harrisville	M	M	Finland	Finland	Matti Herocha	—
Oct. 8	Sophia Holman	21	11	8	Finland	F	M	Finland	Finland	—	—

PERSONS WHO DIED IN OTHER TOWNS AND BROUGHT TO HARRISVILLE FOR BURIAL.

Lydia J. Nye, died in Roxbury; aged 64 years, 3 months and 27 days.
 Alfred K. Harris, died in Haverhill, Mass.
 George T. Beal, died in Athol, Mass.; aged 74 years, 4 months and 7 days.
 Charles J. Smith, died in Westboro, Mass.; aged 75 years, 8 months and 25 days.
 Caroline A. Hunt, died in Athol, Mass.; aged 71 years and 12 days.
 Eliza McWilliams, died in Hillsboro; aged 68 years, 3 months and 2 days.
 Horace C. Upton, died in Nelson; aged 2 years, 11 months and 15 days.
 Mary Wright, died in Boston, Mass.; aged 48 years.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. F. TUFTS,
 Town Clerk.



